

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 5:00 P.M.**  
**KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: David Michael Rowe, President, Debby Shufflebarger and James Sammons, Council Members, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer**

**The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Mike Davis reported on the following:**

**Cecil Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering is still working with DNR to obtain drainage permits.**

**Fill that will be removed from the ditch will be used for the Senior Citizen Center.**

**No answer yet from Miracle Equipment on the playground equipment that needs to be ordered.**

**Purdue University is working on a Housing Report Study for Economic Development.**

**Amy Moss received an invoice for \$329.98 for table and chairs that were ordered for the Kentland Depot. When she rented the Depot 2 chairs were broken. Amy did not feel that she should be paying for a full set when only two chairs were damaged. Debby Shufflebarger and James Sammons made a motion to charge her for 2 chairs at a price of \$57.00 each less her deposit of \$50.00. A balance owed will be \$64.00 to the Town of Kentland. Amy agreed to that.**

**David Hoaks appeared before the Board and asked that they consider to cease doing business with Bennett's Towing. David feels he was treated unjustly when picking up a impound vehicle. David was told the fee would be \$75.00 and payable in cash only. He returned with \$80.00 cash and they would not give him his \$5.00 back. He was told they did not keep cash on hand. David feels that this is not good practice and would hate to see others taken by them.**

## **BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Matt Wittenborn was not present but submitted his report:**

**3 Permits**

**1 Home Addition**

**1 New Construction - Commercial**

**1 New Construction - Residential**

**Working with Business on a sign permit**

**Completed a solar inspection at 114 E. Ray Street**

**Emily Perigrine gave an update on the swimming pool. They have a new item for VIP Seating at the Pool this year and it's going very well. Concessions are selling and they have an Item of the Week. Root Beer Floats was the first item and it went over so well, that they are adding it to the menu. Emily presented the Board with cups that she made and designed with Blue Devil Lagoon Logo on them. Possibly these will be available for purchase in the future.**

## **TOWN MANAGER**

**TJ Firkins reported on the following:**

**There have been major issues with the pool start up. The filtration pump went out and TJ called Spear Corporation on the warranty. The warranty is no good but a new pump was ordered and put in. The tile coping around the pool is coming off. Swimmers have been cut by this, so the pool will be shut down for two days to try and repair. The tile is no longer warranted and to replace the tile it comes from another country which could be months to receive. The town employees repaired the best that they could and the pool should be back open on Friday.**

**Paving is complete and yards have been repaired along with man holes. TJ feels that the paving took longer than it should have.**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be the date for a pre bid meeting for the second round of paving.**

**The Railroad has completed paving at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. 24.**

**The Graham Street property is on hold for green space due to fiber optic cable that was run by Century Link.**

TJ is still getting quotes on the paving of the lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street just north of Kentland Automotive.

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Julian Elson reported on the following:

112 Calls for the month

Working on ordinances and asked Town Attorney, Rebecca Goddard if he could start ticketing some of the abandoned properties around the town. Julian is pretty sure they are full of critters and unsafe. Rebecca said to work with the Building Commissioner to get the process started. Julian also inquired if we could obtain names and addresses for parcels within the town that have no buildings on them to ticket for weeds, tall grass and garbage. Judy King, Clerk said, unfortunately we cannot lien on the properties if there is no utility bill for them. Judy stated they have mowed properties for years and have not received funds for mowing charges do to that. Rebecca stated that small claims would have to be filed for cases like this.

Julian also inquired about the vacated, burnt property on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Dunaway Street. "There is equipment sitting out there and if something should happen that a fire truck would need to get out there, it would not be possible". The Board agreed that towing and ticketing should start taking place.

An addendum was presented by Julian and signed by Board President Mike Rowe for Standard Operating Procedures for the police department.

Julian would like to see all golf carts registered and show proof of insurance and possibly a sticker obtained from the Town Hall. Golf carts must have a driver with a valid license.

Seal Pro should be in Town this weekend to correct parking spaces at the end of each block in the downtown area.

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Matt Wittenborn was not present but submitted the following:

6 Fire Calls

2 Accident Calls

2 Public Relations Events

1 Business Meeting

1 Training

The new fire house is behind for completion due to materials not being available. Possibly late August or early September they are looking to complete.

#### AVIATION

Jim Butler reported on the following:

A pending grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of construction at the Airport for the West Aircraft Apron is in the process.

They are getting a quote for crack and seal repairs.

They are getting a quote for roof replacement and thinking it will be \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Jim asked Judy to see if they couldn't get someone out at the Airport for extermination for mice. Judy will contact Reliable Exterminators.

#### ATTORNEY

Rebecca Goddard reported on the following:

Pat Ryan asked Rebecca to let the Board know that the easement at the Airport has been taken care of.

#### CLERK

Judy King had nothing to report

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Robert Jefferson who purchased a home in town a few months ago really likes the town and loves it here. "The water is not really very good here", he stated. Mike Rowe informed him we are looking into a filtration plant to help the water here, but also, we do testing every day and the water is safe to drink.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

Debby Shufflebarger would like to see the lot at 108 West Dunlap advertised for sale since the Town of Kentland acquired and cleaned it up. It is sitting on a 40' x 150' lot. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger to put the property up for sale at \$2,500.00 and it was seconded by James Sammons. When the

description is forwarded on to Judy she will get this advertised for two weeks in the paper and set a date for bid openings.

Mike Rowe gave stats on the pool since opening on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. For the 11 days that it has been opened they have had 1,295 attendees.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to approve the minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to approve the claims.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the financial statement.

A letter to authorize Judy King to submit forms to USDA for the Water Utility Improvements project was signed and approved by all the board members.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to adjourn the meeting.

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David Michael Rowe, President

Debby Shufflebarger, Member

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James Sammons, Member  
Treasurer

Attest:

Judy M. King, Clerk/